

Please allow me to encourage you to allocate the two new proposed band assignments to the Amateur Radio Community without delay. The allocations will allow for exploration and experimentation on 136 kHz which would be fun. Further more the allocation at 5 Mhz would benefit myself and others in continental contacts. The ability to make medium range contacts 24 hours each day will increase my chances of direct HF contact with family members at times when 40 meters is too long and 80 meters is too short. I encourage you to make both 136 kHz and 5 Mhz available before the end of 2002. I can see no reason for further delay, prompt action depends on your benevolence toward the Amateur Community. I want to also encourage you to seek a world wide allocation at the next international conference. It would also be nice to have primary status on all of the segments mentioned in the proposed ruling, especially 5Mhz. Please allow as large a segment on 5 Mhz as you can and all modes. An arrangement similar to the one on 160 meters would be fine in my opinion. Thank you, Todd Carpenter N9YSQ.